REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	30 August 2002
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Banker's Boy
Other Known Titles:	Adam's Gay Readers Banker's Boy
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Star Distributors
Author:	Roy Calhoun
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Banker's Boy* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is due to the book tending to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes in terms of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, Publications Classification Act 1993(FVPC Act). The book is a low priced work of fiction with its main purpose being the sexual arousal of it's readers. The explicit text contains regular and pronounced emphasis on the youthfulness of males engaged in sexual activity with older men. This includes passages that describe the young men's youthful appearance, sexual inexperience, high school experiences, and deference to older men, all of which further accentuates their youthfulness. The constant attention given to the youthfulness of many of the participants creates the impression that sexual activity involving young persons is desirable. By giving emphasis to the concept of sexual relationships between youths and adult men the book attempts to validate this conduct. For these reasons the book tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and is therefore deemed objectionable.

The criteria applied by the Office of Film and Literature Classification resulting in the limit on the availability of this publication are prescribed by law. For the reasons given above, this publication tends to promote and support an activity listed in s3(2) of the FVPC Act, thus deeming the publication objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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